

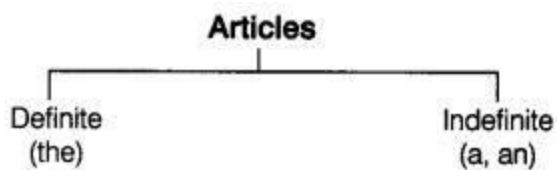
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SYNOPSIS

Types of Articles

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Indefinite Article (A, An)

‘A’ ‘an’ are known as indefinite articles because both are used to point which are not specific nouns,

e.g. A man, an organisation and an egg

Uses of ‘A’

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e.g. a news, a patient, a cup

‘A’ is used before the words which begin with a vowel, but have a sound of a consonant.

e.g. A university, A European

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An is used with words that begin with a alphabet (a,e,i,o,u).

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e.g. a nice book, an intelligent boy, a good prize

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Definite Article (The)

'The' is known as definite article because it is used to point out specific person or thing.

e.g. The Moon and the Sun etc.

1. 'The' is used before a particular or specific person, place or thing,

e.g. Let us go to the club.

2. 'The' is used before common nouns which are names of things unique of their kind,

e.g. The Earth is our planet.

3. 'The' is used before name of directions and dates of months.

e.g.

1. The Sun sets in the West.

2. I got my dream job on the 10th of May.

4. 'The' is used before name of rivers, seas, canals, oceans, valleys, deserts and forests,

e.g.

1. The Atlantic Ocean

2. The Ganges

5. 'The' is used before names of mountain ranges,

e.g. The Himalayas, The Alps

Note: Never use 'the' before names of single mountains or hills,
e.g Everest (Not the Everest)

6. 'The' is used before superlative degrees of an adjective.

e.g. You are the best boy in my class.

7. 'The' is used before a whole class,

e.g. The cat is a pet animal.

8. 'The' is used before names of races or nations,

e.g.

1. The English ruled over the Indians.

2. The United States of America

9. 'The' is used before names of newspapers, holy books, famous buildings, ships, historical events,

1. The Hindu is an Indian newspaper

10. 'The' is used before proper nouns, common nouns, abstract nouns and material nouns to make them common nouns.

e.g. Kalidas is the Shakespeare of India.

11. 'The' is used before name of musical instruments,

e.g. Rani plays the guitar.

12. 'The' is used before name of inventions,

e.g. Who invented the television?

13. 'The' is used before parts of body.

e.g. He got an injury in the head.

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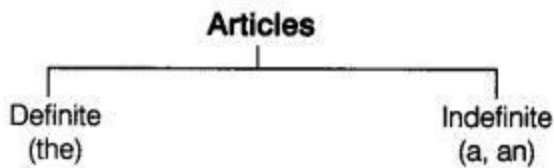
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Uses of ‘The’

There are following common rules of using definite article ‘the’

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1. Let us go to the club.
2. This is the boy who won last match.

2. ‘The’ is used before common nouns which are names of things unique of their kind,

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1. The Earth is our planet.
2. The world is a pleasant place.

3. The Sun gives us life.

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2. The horse runs very fast.

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2. The Muslims believe in the Kuran/ Quran.

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2. Ranjan plays the harmonium.

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e.g.

1. The water is useful for us.
2. Who invented the television?

13. 'The' is used before parts of body.

e.g.

1. He was hit by the rod in the back.
2. He got an injury in the head.

14. 'The' is used before political parties,

e.g.

1. The Congress Party.
2. The Bhartiya Janata Party.

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e.g. An FIR, An MSc.

Omission of Articles

1. We should not use 'the' before proper nouns e.g. Kolkata, Rashmi, Sunday and so on.

Exception

Here are some exceptions of this rule like we say The Punjab, The USA, The Deccan (Group of states)

2. We should not use 'the' before subjects and arts,
e.g.
 1. I don't like **painting**.
 2. I am reading book of **Science**.
3. When we use abstract nouns in general sense, we omit 'the'.
e.g.
 1. **Honesty** is the best policy.
 2. **Health** is **wealth**

REPITITION OF ARTICLES

When two or more adjectives qualify the same noun, the article is used only before the first adjective; but when the reference is to different nouns, expressed or understood, the article is used before each adjective.

WORKSHEET

A.Fill in the blanks using a/an/the.

1. I want to ask question .
2. It is nice day.
3. Mohini works in office.
4. man was crossing the road.
5. She works in factory.
6. There is huge statue of Rani Lakshmbai at the square.
7. Yours is inspiring story.
8. Where is Statue of Liberty situated?
9. He belongs to different school of thought
10. Do you know where library is?

B. Put a/an/the wherever necessary.

1. She is MSc in Chemistry.
2. I am going to club.
3. Gomati is a famous river.
4. Rashmi is unique girl.
5. I know how to play violin.
6. life in the army not so easy though it is full of pride and prestige.
7. She was not in mood of cutting jokes.
8. This is honour for me.
9. One cannot compare orange with apple.
10. Each of them is unique fruit.

C Match the following.

List I	List II
(i) A	(a) Sun
(ii) An	(b) Car
(iii) The	(c) Umbrella
(iv) A	(d) Honest person
(v) An	(e) Cup of tea

DO EXERCISE A (1-10), B(1-5),C (1-10) FROM THE BOOK

